



ISSUE BRIEF

The Real Planned Parenthood: Leading the Culture of Death 2019 Edition

The Basics

- Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), or Planned Parenthood, is the primary supplier of abortions in the U.S. According to Planned Parenthood's most recent 2017-2018 annual report, it committed 332,757 abortions in fiscal year 2017, up by 11,373 abortions since 2016.¹ This is the highest number of abortions that Planned Parenthood clinics have committed in any year since 2011-12.
- According to these numbers, Planned Parenthood aborted 911 babies every single day in fiscal year 2017.
- According to a January 2017 Guttmacher Institute report (the most recent report available at this time), 926,200 abortions were committed in 2014.² In 2014, 323,999 abortions were committed by Planned Parenthood and its affiliates.³ Therefore, in 2014 Planned Parenthood was responsible for 35% of all abortions committed in the U.S., an increase from 31.5% in 2011.
- From 2011-2017, Planned Parenthood committed over 2.2 million abortions (2,295,271).⁴
- In 2017-2018, Planned Parenthood received \$563.8 million in combined federal, state, and local government grants and contracts, an increase of over \$20 million from last year's funding. Of all funding received by Planned Parenthood, 34% comes from taxpayers' pockets.⁵
- Additionally, between 2011-2017 Planned Parenthood gave out an average of 1.79 million emergency contraception kits annually.⁶ Emergency contraception, such as Plan B, can kill a human embryo if fertilization has already occurred.⁷
- In Planned Parenthood's 2017-2018 report, they state that they have "more than 600" facilities.⁸ However, a report from another source states that the organization had 590 facilities at the end of 2018.⁹ In spite of this, Planned Parenthood currently operates over half of all abortion facilities in the U.S. due to "the closure of a large number of independent abortion facilities."¹⁰
- In 2017 alone, 32 Planned Parenthood facilities closed.¹¹ At its height in 1995, there were 938 Planned Parenthood facilities. Affiliates have also consistently dropped from 190 in 1983 to 56 in 2017, a 71% decrease.¹²

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A Decrease In Services¹³

- Planned Parenthood reported 2.5 million patients in 2014 and 2.4 million patients for 2015, 2016, and 2017, for a decrease of 100,000 patients, or 4% between 2014 and 2017.
- From 2009 to 2017, cancer screening and prevention programs have consistently decreased by close to two-thirds (66%): 1,830,811 (2009), 1,596,741 (2010), 1,307,570 (2011), 1,121,580 (2012), 935,573 (2013), 682,208 (2014), 665,234 (2015), 660,777 (2016), and 614,361 (2017).
- During those same years, Colposcopy procedures and Cryotherapy procedures decreased with each consecutive year, along with Pap tests for 2017-2018.
- From 2009 to 2017, breast exams have consistently decreased by over half (64%): 830,312 (2009), 747,607 (2010), 639,384 (2011), 549,804 (2012), 487,029 (2013), 363,803 (2014), 321,700 (2015), 336,614 (2016), and 296,310 (2017). In 2015, for the first time in Planned Parenthood's history, abortions outnumbered basic breast exams. These numbers do not include in-house mammograms because Planned Parenthood does not provide that service.¹⁴ In a September 2015 House Oversight Committee meeting, Cecile Richards admitted that Planned Parenthood does not provide mammograms, contradicting her 2011 claims that it did.¹⁵
- From 2009 to 2017, prenatal services have steadily decreased by more than three-quarters (77%): 40,489 (2009), 31,098 (2010), 28,674 (2011), 19,506 (2012), 18,684 (2013), 17,419 (2014), 9,419 (2015), and 7,762 (2016). Prenatal services reported for 2017-2018 were 9,055. Planned Parenthood's reported prenatal services dropped by more than half (55%) between 2014 and 2016 alone. In 2016, Planned Parenthood committed 41 abortions for every prenatal service it provided.
- In 2017, Planned Parenthood committed 117 abortions for every adoption referral it made. From 2011 to 2017, Planned Parenthood averaged 2,573 adoption referrals annually. The following are total adoption referrals by year: 2,300 (2011), 2,197 (2012), 1,880 (2013), 2,024 (2014), 2,889 (2015), 3,889 (2016), and 2,834 (2017).
- According to Planned Parenthood's 2017-2018 report, out of total services for pregnant women (adoption referrals, prenatal services, abortion), abortion accounted for 96%.¹⁶ Adoption referrals made up just 1% of pregnancy services and prenatal services made up under 3% of pregnancy services.

New Categories in the 2017-2018 Report:

Expanded Telemedicine

- In the 2017-2018 Report, Planned Parenthood reported telemedicine services as part of their expanding care category. Planned Parenthood affiliates in 16 states now have telemedicine services, including 13 states that perform telemed abortions.¹⁷
- The Planned Parenthood Direct app was relaunched last December, and in 2017 has expanded to 11 new states. In certain states consumers can receive contraception prescriptions without consultation from a doctor.¹⁸

Expanded Chemical Abortion

- The 2017-2018 Report states that 357 of their health centers perform medication abortions.¹⁹

New Categories from 2015

Well-Woman Exams

- In 2015, Planned Parenthood added two new categories to its annual report: “well-woman exams” (226,254) and “miscarriage care” (2,073). In 2016, Planned Parenthood reported 235,355 well-woman exams, and 1,182 cases of miscarriage care. As in 2015, Planned Parenthood did not define what these services entail.
- In 2014, former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson wrote that in her Planned Parenthood protocol book there was one called “Miscarriage Management” that was “in preparation for when abortion [was] made illegal” and it gave step by step instructions on how to help women with self-abortions. Johnson wrote: “We would instruct women to take medications and/or vitamins to end their pregnancy. Some of those on the list were Vitamin C, Black or Blue Cohosh, or Misoprostol bought online. We would give them instructions on how much they needed to ingest in order to terminate their pregnancy. We would give them warning signs...signs to help them decide if they needed to go directly to the emergency room. If everything went as planned, they would be instructed to come to our facility for an ultrasound to confirm fetal demise and an MVA (Manual Vacuum Aspiration). This would not technically be considered an abortion since the death of the child had happened outside our facility. Of course, there would also be a fee for this ‘miscarriage management’ service.”²⁰

The 3% Abortion Myth

- Planned Parenthood reports its health services data in a manipulated fashion to underemphasize abortion-related services. Planned Parenthood states that abortion makes up approximately “3% of total services.”²¹ However, in 2011 National Public Radio clarified that a more accurate percentage of Planned Parenthood clients who have an abortion would be 10%.²²
- Since Planned Parenthood committed 332,757 abortions in 2017-2018 and saw 2.4 million people, and if the abortions were given to individual patients,²³ then 13% of all their patients received abortions.
- **While Planned Parenthood downplays its abortion statistics, it often highlights its non-abortion services by counting multiple services to a single client as separate services.**²⁴ For example, a pap smear, a pregnancy test, birth control packet, and STD testing done in one visit for one person are unbundled and counted as four different services, thus skewing their numbers. This is how Planned Parenthood claims to have provided almost 9.5 million services of which 321,384 are abortions, thus arriving at the 3% number.²⁵ The gravely misleading number deliberately minimizes its abortion rate and fails to put into perspective the fact that Planned Parenthood’s “3%” abortion services make up over one-third of the total number of U.S. abortions annually and that it is America’s number one abortion chain.
- Even *Slate*’s Rachael Larimore called the 3% number the “most meaningless abortion statistic ever” ... “to the point of being downright silly.”²⁶ *The Washington Post* also called it “misleading” in its Fact Checker section.²⁷

Planned Parenthood's Abortion Quotas

- Planned Parenthood has abortion quotas. Former Planned Parenthood Center Director Sue Thayer stated in an interview that her job required her to be “accountable for how many patients you see, and if you’re not seeing enough, why; and you need to have an action plan for [meeting the required number].” She went on to say that every center in Iowa (where she worked) “had a goal for how many abortions they needed to do.”²⁸
- In addition, former Planned Parenthood facility director Abby Johnson received confirmation in 2014 that the Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains gave an award to the Planned Parenthood of Aurora, Colorado “for exceeding abortion visits in the first half of FY12 compared to first half of FY13.” Johnson went on to say, “Planned Parenthood has responded and has confirmed that, YES, this is an award that was given out by them. And, YES, they will continue to ‘celebrate their progress and they always will.’”²⁹
- New Planned Parenthood President Leana Wen has proudly stated that “our core mission is providing, protecting, and expanding access to abortion and reproductive health care. We will never back down from that fight...”³⁰

Taxpayer Funding of Planned Parenthood

- While Planned Parenthood holds non-profit status, its total revenue for 2017-2018 was about \$1.420 billion. In 2017-2018, Planned Parenthood reported an excess of revenue over expenses of \$244.8 million, an increase of \$146.3 million in a year alone.³¹
- Planned Parenthood’s total revenue for 2016-2017 was about \$1.459 billion, the highest in its history. In 2016-2017, Planned Parenthood reported an excess of revenue over expenses of \$98.5 million, an increase of \$21 million in a year alone.³²
- In 2017-2018, Planned Parenthood received \$563.8 million in combined federal, state and local government grants and contracts, an increase of over \$20 million from last year’s funding. Of all funding received by Planned Parenthood, 34% comes from taxpayers’ pockets.³³
- The 2017-2018 report also shows \$802.6 million in unrestricted net assets, funds which Planned Parenthood can use should it lose its government funding.³⁴
- Historically, Planned Parenthood does not disclose the amount of federal versus state funds it receives. However, a 2018 study by the Government Accountability Office found that on average, Planned Parenthood spends nearly \$100 million of federal funds through various agency programs per year: \$98.53 million (2013), \$96.46 million (2014), and \$93.90 million (2015).³⁵ These programs include Title X family planning grants (\$170.77 million between 2013-2015) and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (\$18.43 million between 2013 and 2015).³⁶
- Additionally, the federal government funds Planned Parenthood in large “mandatory” programs such as Medicaid, Medicare or CHIP by even larger sums. Medicaid is a federal program involving both federal and state funding. This federal program funded Planned Parenthood between 2013-2015, by over \$1.2 billion averaging \$400 million per year: \$389.07 million (2013), \$409.35 million (2014), and \$414.37 million (2015).³⁷

- The total amount of taxpayer funds in federal programs that went to Planned Parenthood between 2013-2015 was nearly \$1.5 billion: \$288 million in federal grants, contracts, and reimbursements and \$1.2 billion in Medicaid. This averages out to approximately \$500 million in federal programs going to Planned Parenthood each year.³⁸

Planned Parenthood: A Scandal-Ridden Organization

- In the wake of undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of body parts from babies they have aborted, twelve states sought to take action which would defund the organization.³⁹
- In one recent case, after President Trump rescinded Obama-era guidance that blocked states from withholding Medicaid funds from entities that performed abortions,⁴⁰ the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court injunction that prevented the state of Texas from stripping Medicaid funds from Planned Parenthood in January 2019.⁴¹
 - Texas used the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) footage, whose undercover videos have been ruled inadmissible in other courts, as one of its major arguments for defunding the group. (Read on below for more on the CMP videos.) The fact that this court agreed that the CMP footage, which was forensically reviewed and determined to have not been “deceptively edited,” discredited Planned Parenthood’s central arguments against Texas.
 - The videos that were shot inside Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in Texas showed a Planned Parenthood employee explaining how to downplay the sale of fetal tissue, saying it was “just a matter of line items.”⁴² Another video featured abortionist Anna Dermish of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, in which she discussed how she more effectively harvests fetal body parts during abortions.⁴³
- In January 2017, Live Action released video and audio investigations concerning Planned Parenthood’s claims to provide prenatal care. Their videos reveal that less than 1% of the interviewed facilities actually provide prenatal care.
 - Out of 97 Planned Parenthood facilities that they talked to, only 5 said they provided prenatal care.⁴⁴
 - Another video revealed that of 68 Planned Parenthood facilities that were asked if they do an ultrasound in order to check the health of the baby,⁴⁵ only 3 Planned Parenthood facilities said they did.
- Starting in July 2015, the Center for Medical Progress released a number of undercover videos taken of meetings with national leaders of Planned Parenthood discussing the sale of organs harvested from aborted babies.⁴⁶
- The videos provide evidence of other potentially illegal activities in addition to the possibility of profiting from the sale of organs from aborted babies. These include possible violations of laws requiring women be provided informed consent when their baby’s organs are being donated for research, possibly changing the position of the unborn child illegally to more easily obtain organs from the aborted babies, possibly partially delivering the baby to better harvest their organs in

violation of the Partial Birth Abortion Act, and possibly even allowing babies to be born alive before harvesting their organs.

- This series of videos prompted investigations into Planned Parenthood by multiple Congressional Committees as well as by multiple states.⁴⁷ The Select Panel on Infant Lives made fifteen criminal and regulatory referrals in December 2016, two of which directly involved Planned Parenthood facilities.⁴⁸
- Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) of the Senate Judiciary made seven referrals to the FBI for continued investigation and possible prosecution for paid fetal tissue practices, including four Planned Parenthood facilities.⁴⁹ A letter sent by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in December 2017 to the Senate Judiciary states the DOJ intends to complete a “thorough and comprehensive assessment” of Senator Grassley’s report.⁵⁰
- Undercover investigations by Live Action suggested that Planned Parenthood had not been reporting statutory rape at a number of its affiliates.⁵¹ News stories show that these incidents are not isolated. In 2011, seven Planned Parenthood affiliates in New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and D.C. were recorded on video being complicit in covering up child prostitution and sex trafficking.⁵²
- Planned Parenthood has also shown support for gendercide. “Protect Our Girls,” Live Action’s 2012 video project highlighting gendercide in America, exposed Planned Parenthood affiliates in Texas, Arizona, New York, Hawaii, and North Carolina encouraging women to get sex-selective abortions for unborn girls they did not want.⁵³
- Live Action’s 2013 sting operation “Inhuman” reveals Planned Parenthood’s complicity in late-term abortions.⁵⁴ The Guttmacher Institute reports that 1.2% of abortions are of babies 19 weeks post-fertilization and older.⁵⁵ This means almost 13,000 American pain-capable⁵⁶ unborn children die from late-term abortion each year.
- Planned Parenthood of Indiana has been accused of endangering the safety and well-being of minor girls by intentionally circumventing state parental involvement laws and breaking state law by refusing to report statutory rape.⁵⁷ Planned Parenthood of Ohio was convicted of not enforcing parental consent laws in the case of a 14-year-old who got pregnant by her soccer coach.⁵⁸ In 2014, an Arizona Planned Parenthood failed to report the rape of a teenage girl; the man behind this subsequently raped 18 other girls.⁵⁹ The sheriff’s office report in this case stated, “The counselor intentionally miscoded the assault as a consensual encounter...the counselor told them that they did not want the hassle of having to report the assault to law enforcement as they were a mandatory reporter.”⁶⁰
- In 2013, Alliance Defending Freedom released a report that details federal and state audits of Planned Parenthood affiliates from 1995-2010. These audits convey that these individual affiliates were responsible for over \$99 million in waste, abuse, and potential fraud. Examples include giving prescriptions without authorization from a medical practitioner and misusing government funds to over-bill patients for family planning.⁶¹ Planned Parenthood of California was also accused of overcharging the state and federal governments by \$180 million for birth-control pills, despite internal and external warnings that its billing practices were improper.⁶²
- Susan Thayer, former Planned Parenthood director, testified in an October 2015 Congressional hearing that she filed a federal False Claims Act complaint against Planned Parenthood alleging that

it “filed false claims totaling about \$28 million with Iowa’s Medicaid program for (1) illegally dispensing “medically unnecessary” quantities of oral contraceptive pills and birth control patches to C-Mail Medicaid patients and doing so without a prescription; (2) fraudulently billing the Iowa Medicaid program for abortion-related services; and (3) coercing “donations” from Medicaid patients.”⁶³

- Planned Parenthood promotes itself as a “non-partisan” organization, yet has promised supporters to turn out millions of votes and provide substantial financial support to elect pro-abortion candidates to the White House, Congress, and state governments, as it works to weaken and overturn pro-life laws at all levels.⁶⁴ In 2012, the two Super PACs associated with Planned Parenthood spent over \$15 million on the 2012 election, including \$8 million on negative ads targeting Mitt Romney.⁶⁵ Also in 2012, President Obama proclaimed his support for Planned Parenthood through a YouTube video he made for Planned Parenthood Action Fund supporters.⁶⁶ In January 2016, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund endorsed Hillary Clinton for President of the United States in the organization’s first endorsement of a candidate during a primary race.⁶⁷

Planned Parenthood, Target Populations, and Eugenics

- The founding of Planned Parenthood is directly tied to the eugenics movement. The movement’s ultimate goal was the elimination of certain groups of “unfit” or “feeble-minded” people.⁶⁸
- Planned Parenthood targets minority populations: 79% of its surgical abortion facilities are located within walking distance of African American or Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods.⁶⁹
- Minorities account for almost two-thirds (62%) of all abortions in the U.S. (this includes Hispanic, Black Americans, and all non-white Americans).⁷⁰ Black children are aborted at about five times the rate of white children.⁷¹
- In a series of sting videos produced by Lila Rose, head of the organization Live Action, it was revealed that as many as seven Planned Parenthood facilities were willing to accept donations earmarked as abortion money according to race.⁷²
- Planned Parenthood also targets college students: 79% of Planned Parenthoods are located within five miles of a college campus.⁷³
- On Halloween in 2017, Planned Parenthood tweeted from their “Planned Parenthood Black Community” Twitter account that “If you’re a Black woman in America, it’s statistically safer to have an abortion than to carry a pregnancy to term or give birth.” The blunt encouragement of abortion in the black community cannot go unnoticed, let alone the fact they have a Twitter account solely dedicated to indoctrinating black women to abort.⁷⁴ Planned Parenthood also has a dedicated Twitter account for Latinos to push their abortion agenda.
- In their 2017-2018 Annual Report, Planned Parenthood reported that in July 2017 they transitioned their global headquarters from New York to Nairobi, Kenya, no doubt to continue to impose their pro-abortion agenda on a poor country where abortion is illegal except for the health and life of the mother.⁷⁵ President Trump has prohibited international funding to pro-abortion groups by reinstating and expanding the Mexico City Policy which prohibits taxpayer funding to international groups that promote or provide abortions. Because the International Planned Parenthood Federation

(IPPF) refused to comply, they were forced to shut down 22 of their programs in sub-Saharan Africa.⁷⁶

Planned Parenthood in the Culture

- Planned Parenthood publicly celebrated New York's new abortion law that allows abortions up until the day of birth!⁷⁷ This extreme view on abortion is out of touch with the majority of Americans who believe that there should be restrictions on abortion. According to a recent Marist poll, 75 percent of Americans believe that abortion should be limited to within the first three months of pregnancy. This number also includes more than 6 in 10 (61 percent) who identify as "pro-choice" on abortion.⁷⁸
- In March 2018, a Planned Parenthood branch in Pennsylvania tweeted this: "*We need a disney princess who's had an abortion / We need a disney princess who's pro-choice / We need a disney princess who's an undocumented immigrant / We need a disney princess who's actually a union worker / We need a disney princess who's trans.*" The tweet was later deleted with a clarification statement from the PPH branch president, but no apology was issued.⁷⁹
- Planned Parenthood has publicly supported a social media campaign called "#ShoutYour-Abortion," which encourages women to proclaim and be proud of the abortions they have had.⁸⁰ Abortion ends the life of another human being. That's never something to be proud of or glamorize.

There Are Better Options Than Planned Parenthood

- Planned Parenthood, as noted in its report, has just over 600 health centers. There are 13,540 federally-qualified, low-cost, high quality health care clinics and rural health centers. They outnumber Planned Parenthood more than 20 to 1 nationally.⁸¹ Women have real choices when it comes to healthcare and they can find one of these clinics at GetYourCare.org.
- These federally-qualified health centers not only offer screening and prevention services, pap smears, cancer screenings, breast exams, and prenatal services, but they also offer a full spectrum of other primary care services that Planned Parenthood fails to provide:
 - Mammograms
 - A variety of immunizations
 - Diabetes and glaucoma screenings
 - Cholesterol screenings
 - Cardiovascular screening blood tests
 - Thyroid function tests
 - Eye, ear and dental screenings
 - Preventive dental services
 - Well-child services
 - Medical nutrition services
 - Bone mass measurement
 - Social worker services
 - Mental health services
 - Substance abuse services
 - Emergency medical services

- And others⁸²
- Federally-qualified health centers offered services for 27 million patients in 2017⁸³ compared to Planned Parenthood who served 2.4 million.⁸⁴ That’s over ten times as many patients.
- With an extra half a billion dollars in taxpayer funds that currently goes to Planned Parenthood, these federally-qualified health centers could grow and expand their reach.

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